REMARKS

DOUBLE PATENTING

Claims 27-56 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-26 of US 6,444,495 and over claims 1-19 of US 6,653,718. The Applicant respectfully disagrees, but in order to expedite prosecution, a terminal disclaimer is attached for review.

REQUEST FOR ALLOWANCE

Claims 27-56 are pending in this application, and the Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all of the claims in light of the arguments presented and allow all current and pending claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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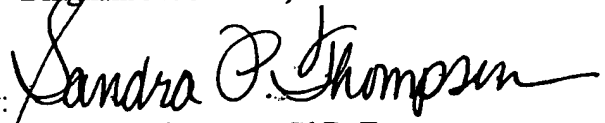
By: 

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